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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1944.

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To :-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Basingstoke.

I beg to present my report for the year 1944, the lateness of which is caused by the necessary statistics not being received earlier.

Yours faithfully,

M. Avent.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

1.

Population - Registrar General's estimate..... 15,990

BIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female	
Legitimate	267	138	129	Birth rate 18.4
Live births				England & Wales
Illegitimate	28	12	16	17.6
Still births	4	3	1	Rate per 1,000 births - 14.
DEATHS	172	90	82	Death rate - 10.7 England & Wales 11.6

Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births..... 27
England and Wales..... 46

Deaths from Measles..... Nil
Whooping cough..... Nil
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)..... Nil
Cancer..... 27
Heart and arterial diseases..... 45
Pulmonary Tuberculosis..... 4
Non- Pulmonary " 1

2. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	Notified	Admitted to Hospital
Diphtheria	4	3
Scarlet Fever	58	20
Whooping Cough	17	
Measles	3	
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	
Erysipelas	2	
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	15	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	23	

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Admissions

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Total
Borough	20	3	23
Basingstoke Rural District	10	2	12 -38
Kingsclere & Whitchurch R.D.	2	1	3

3. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

No. of children who have completed treatment.....260
Under 5 years.....211
5 years and under 15 years..... 49

The Town was again fortunate in having a small amount of Infectious Disease, most of which was of a mild nature.
During the current year a widespread epidemic of measles has covered most of the country, including Basingstoke.

Scabies continues to occur more than normally : 203 cases were treated at the Clinic during the year.

4. WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's reports show that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply. Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat and Other Foods

467 visits have been made to the slaughterhouse and other food premises during the year, and 4,544 carcases have been inspected. In all 3 tons. 1 cwt. 2 qtrs. 4¾ lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	22	38	1,652	2,436	396	4,544
Number inspected	22	38	1,652	2,436	396	4,544
All diseases except Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned	3	4	2	4	-	13
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	10	1	18	11	52
Percentage diseased.	68.1	36.8	0.18	0.90	2.77	1.43
Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned	2	3	1	-	1	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	7	-	-	2	11
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis	18.1	26.3	0.06	-	0.75	0.39

Notices

192 notices (written and verbal) were served during the year.

Complaints

196 complaints have been received.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Classified statement of Premises inspected.

Inspections under the Housing and Public Health Act	329
Works in progress	57
Reinspections	141
Visits to slaughterhouse	164
Knackers Yard	2
Visits to food premises	303
In connection with infectious diseases	33
Public conveniences	17
Shops Acts	5
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	92
Overcrowding	1
Watercourses	7
Petroleum Act	10
Factories Act	18
Cow sheds and Dairies	5
Marine Stores	1
Interviews	154
Miscellaneous visits	101
Schools	1
Total	750

DRAINAGE

Smoke tests applied....3

INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms disinfected		27
Blankets	"	32
Books	"	45

TABLE II.

DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS REMEDIED

Water supply	Fittings repaired	18
Water Closets.	Reconstructed or new provided	5
	New pans fixed	13
	Defective flush pipes repaired	19
	Cisterns repaired or renewed	31
	Apartments lighted, ventilated etc	1
	Walls, floors, roofs etc. repaired	10
Soil pipes	Repaired or renewed	1

TABLE II (Cont.d.)

Drains.	Reconstructed	6
	Cleansed	15
	Repaired	3
	Cesspools cleansed or repaired	2
Manholes	New provided	1
	Repaired and covers renewed	1
Ventilation shafts	Fresh air inlets repaired	1
Sinks, Baths etc. and Waste pipes	New sinks provided	2
	Waste pipe repaired	5
	Waste pipe renewed	2
	Waste pipe trapped	2
Ash bins	New bins provided	25
Yard paving	Newly paved	1
Dampness	Roofs repaired	11
	Gutters and rain water pipes repaired	11
	External walls pointed or repaired	2
General	Walls and ceilings repaired	28
	Rooms cleansed	11
	Verminous rooms cleansed	25
	Stairs repaired	1
	Windows and doors repaired etc	25
	Floors repaired	12
	Stoves repaired	13
	Defective and smoky chimneys repaired	3
	Coppers repaired	6
	Food stores provided	2
	Accumulations removed	23
	Rat nuisance abated	29
Urinals	Repaired or cleansed	1
Other matters	Cowsheds cleansed etc	1
	Animals improperly kept (remedied)	6
	Yards cleansed	3

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Medical Officer of Health.

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1. **STATISTICS**

(a) **POPULATION** - Registrar General's Estimate.....15,160

(b) **BIRTHS**:-

		Total	Male	Female	
Live..	Legitimate	278	153	125	..Birth Rate.....19.9
	Illegitimate	22	11	11	England & Wales...16.1
Still		5	4	1	...Rate per 1,000 Births - 17

(c) **DEATHS**:- 168 78 90 ..Death Rate.....11.08
England & Wales...11.4

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year, per 1,000 Live Births..17
England & Wales...46

Deaths from:-

Measles	1
Whooping Cough	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0
Cancer	25
Heart and Arterial Diseases	47
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	7
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5
Suicide and Violence	6

2. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Notifications Received:-

Diphtheria	2
Scarlet Fever	25
Whooping Cough	77
Measles	362
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2
Erysipelas	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	2
Pneumonia	6
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	16
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6

3. ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Admissions:-

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Total	
Borough	7	2	9)	
Basingstoke Rural District	5	1	6)	...18
Kingsclere & Whitchurch R.D.	3	0	3)	

4. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of Children who have completed treatment	246
Under 5 years	207
5 years and under 15 years	39

5. WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's Reports show that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply.
Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.

6. GENERAL

The Town was again fortunate in having a small amount of Infectious Disease, most of which was of a mild nature. During the year a widespread epidemic of Measles covered most of the country, including Basingstoke.
The 2 Diphtheria cases were adults who had not received immunisation treatment.

The inability of the Isolation Hospital to admit cases because of lack of staff might have led to awkward situations, but fortunately only a few cases occurred in which hospital treatment was essential, and Aldershot Isolation Hospital was able to receive them. At the time of writing the Hospital is re-opened and it is to be hoped it will be possible to keep it so.

Scabies declined, and is no longer a serious problem.

Verminous conditions were discovered from time to time. The new insecticides will greatly help the work of disinfestation.

(A) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1...MILK

Thirty (30) Samples of "Pasteurised" Milk have been taken during the year. Of these, 24 Samples proved to be satisfactory; the remaining 6 Samples, although efficiently pasteurised, were classified unsatisfactory owing to the presence of bacillus coli.

2...MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

460 visits have been made to the Slaughterhouse and other Food Premises during the year, and 4,762 carcases have been inspected. In all, 2 tons. 6 cwts. 2 qtrs. 1 stone. 9¼ lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed.....	12	17	1,681	2,625	427	4,762
Number Inspected.....	12	17	1,681	2,625	427	4,762
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:-						
Whole Carcases condemned..	-	3	-	1	5	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	8	8	3	28	4	51
Percentage Diseased....	66.6	64.7	0.18	1.1	2.1	1.26
Tuberculosis:-						
Whole Carcases condemned..	1	1	-	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	1	6	-	-	-	7
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.....	16.6	41.1	-	-	-	0.18

3...NOTICES

205 Notices (Written and Verbal) were served during the year.

4...COMPLAINTS

183 Complaints have been received and dealt with.

5...RODENT CONTROL

During the year, 6,468 visits have been made by the Rodent Officer and Operator in connection with baiting and poisoning, and re-inspections of premises previously reported to be infested with Rats or Mice.

(B) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

6...TABLE I

(a) CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF PREMISES INSPECTED

Inspections under the Housing & Public Health Acts	320
Works in Progress	37
Re-inspections	214
Visits to Slaughterhouse	214
Food Premises	246
Knackers Yard	1
In connection with Infectious Diseases	13
Public Conveniences	23
Shops Acts	19
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	79
Overcrowding	1
Water-courses	7
Petroleum Act	11
Factories Act	21
Cowsheds and Dairies	18
Marine Stores	1
Schools	3
Common Lodging House	1
Tents, Vans and Sheds	1
Places of Amusement	4
Interviews	152
Miscellaneous Visits	68
Total	1454

(b) DRAINAGE

Water Tests Applied	2
Coloured Water Tests Applied	1

(c) INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms Disinfected	22
Books Disinfected	71
Bedding &c.Destroyed	2 Lots

(d) INFESTATION

Rooms Disinfested	30

7...TABLE II

DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS REMEDIED

Water Supply	Fittings repaired	10
Water Closets	Reconstructed or new provided	1
	New pans fixed	17
	Defective flush pipes repaired	32
	Cisterns repaired or renewed	35
	Walls, floors, roofs, etc. repaired	3

Drains	Reconstructed	1
	Cleansed	34
	New gullies provided	1
	Cesspools cleansed or repaired	2
Manholes	New provided	1
	Repaired and covers renewed	2
Ventilation Shafts	Fresh air inlets repaired	1
Sinks, Baths, etc. and Waste Pipes	New sinks provided	5
	Waste pipes repaired	8
	Waste pipes renewed	1
	Waste pipes trapped	2
Dustbins	New bins provided	34
Yard Paving	Newly paved	1
	Repaired	1
Dampness	Roofs repaired	21
	Gutters and rain-water pipes repaired	15
	External walls pointed or repaired	7
	Floor cavity ventilated	3
	Window and door reveals repaired	1
General	Walls and ceilings repaired	28
	Rooms cleansed	26
	Verminous rooms cleansed	30
	Windows and doors repaired, etc	19
	Floors repaired	25
	Stoves repaired	16
	Defective and smoky chimneys remedied	7
	Coppers repaired	1
	Accumulations removed	19
	Overcrowding abated	3
Other Matters	Cowsheds, Dairies cleansed, etc	2
	Animals improperly kept (Remedied)	1
	Yards cleansed	1
	Water-courses cleansed	2

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Wm.J. TILEY,

Borough Sanitary Inspector

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